

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Risca East

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Risca East

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Council  
Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

**SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS:**

Community Council Liaison Sub Committee  
Risca Town Centre Management Group  
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group

**OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS:**

Risca East Community Council  
Trustee of Channel View Community Hall

**SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY:**

Governor Risca Community Comprehensive

## **ATTENDANCE:**

To view my attendance record, please follow the link below:

<https://democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx?LLL=0>

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)

Education Performance Indicators (Seminar)

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

During lockdown I continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance during a difficult time.

I hold surgeries once a month every month in St David's Church on Ty Sign for the public to drop in and have a chat and cuppa (when restrictions allow).

- Held a public meeting for residents and their concerns regarding WHQS and met with officers to discuss matters arising and an improved way forward.
- Held Christmas and summer craft fayres in the community Hall in Channel View, Ty Sign with free cakes and tea.

Dealing with on-going complaints from residents regarding:

- Overgrown hedges
  - Broken fences
  - Bins not being emptied
  - Parking enforcement
  - WHQS contractors
  - Dog waste bins eg emptying, requests for additional bins
  - Grass cutting and weed control
  - Neighbour disputes including boundary walls, noise etc
  - Public Toilets
  - Disabled parking issues (people inquiring about disabled badges)
  - Cutting of hedges during nesting season
  - Plus on-going private issues with residents and home visits.
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- Involved in organising and promoting 'Totally Local' Initiative promoting many local small businesses throughout the Risca High St.
  - Helped organised the Summer Festival in Risca park with the refreshment tent re: teas and cakes
  - Attended three armistice services in Moriah Church, the Cenotaph in Risca and by the Darran.
  - Arranged for poppies to be placed on lamp posts from the top to the bottom of Elm Drive.

- Attended fund raising events with Risca Community Comprehensive School. Re: Blood Bikes. A voluntary organisation helping essential blood to be transferred to different hospitals in the country via Bike riders.
- Attended presentation evening at RCCS regarding young film makers.
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- Once a month a help with Twmbarlwm Society with litter picking on the mountain.
- Held community litter picks with residents, walking the canal and streets in the Risca east area picking up litter.
- Helped organise a local crafters fayre in Ty Sign to promote local crafts people.
- Did a fundraising walk for people with Dementia in Cardiff.
- Attended two fundraising events in Risca to raise money for Suicide Awareness and Mental Health Awareness for Men.
- Attended Christmas Parties for children on Ty Sign.
- Take telephone calls and reply to emails from residents on a daily basis.

Fundraising for mental health in my local area.

Became a Covid 19 volunteer:

Helping in the community doing various tasks, collecting prescriptions, chatting to the elderly and vulnerable with telephone calls, delivering food, involved in 'Tin on the Wall' collecting food from residents who have donated. Collecting all the food with other volunteers and taking it to the Risca Food Bank.